

Township – Cari Neubeck – Independence Township

Cari Neubeck has dedicated more than 30 years to municipal government, serving in nearly every facet of the Clerk's profession. Her career began in 1992 as Elections Administrator for Independence Township, followed by service as Deputy Clerk. She later served nearly a decade as Shelby Township's Elections Coordinator before returning to Oakland County as Deputy Clerk for Oakland Township. In 2019, she was appointed Clerk for Independence Township and was subsequently elected in 2020 and re-elected in 2024.

Throughout her career, Cari has led during periods of significant statutory change, high-turnout presidential elections, and increased public scrutiny of election administration. Since assuming office as Clerk, she has focused on operational improvement, voter accessibility, and transparent communication. Under her leadership, the Township's permanent absentee voter list grew from approximately 4,000 to more than 12,100 voters, significantly expanding voter participation. She also successfully led a precinct consolidation from thirteen to eight precincts, ensuring statutory compliance while improving administrative efficiency and long-term sustainability.

Cari strengthened internal operations by bringing payroll and human resources functions in-house, streamlining processes and increasing accountability. During leadership transitions within the Township, her office provided steady administrative coordination and procedural consistency, reinforcing public confidence and maintaining continuity of government operations. She also spearheaded the creation of a Public Information Officer position to enhance communication and partnered with Independence Television to produce award-winning educational programming on election administration, earning Philo Festival of Media Arts recognition.

A committed professional, Cari maintains active membership in the Oakland County Clerks Association (OCCA), the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC), and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). She earned her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation in 2003, her Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk (MiPMC) designation in 2014, achieved MiPMC Level Three status in 2024, and most recently earned her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation in 2025. She also completed the Citizen Planner certification program in 2023.

Beyond her statutory responsibilities, Cari actively promotes the Clerk's profession through community engagement. She serves as the Liaison and Master of Ceremonies for the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Youth Recognition Ceremony, and participates on the Clarkston Fourth of July Parade Committee. Through public education initiatives, Township

communications, and visible community involvement, she works to build understanding of the Clerk's vital role in local government.

Cari's career reflects sustained leadership, operational excellence, professional growth, and an unwavering commitment to public trust.

